

## STATE NEWS.

**Crash of the State Press**—Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East—Clusters of grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North—Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West—Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South

A. C. Avery, Jr., is still improving, but his recovery will be slow.

Parrott Cade, white, drunk, sat down on the railroad track at Kinston and was killed by a train.

W. L. Ortmann, a Davidson county farmer, had five pigs frozen to death during the cold weather last week.

The Asheville Register is informed that Mr. R. A. Cobb, of Morganton, will be a candidate for State Librarian.

The Monroe Journal records the marriage of a forty-eight year old man and a fourteen year old girl in Union county.

John A. Sims, Populist ex sheriff of Cabarrus, is to be chief clerk in the State Auditor's office under Auditor-elect Ayer.

A tobacco warehouse at Greenville collapsed under the weight of snow on the roof Thursday. The wreck was complete.

The Governor has ordered a special term of court in Forsyth county for the trial of civil cases only. Judge Hoke will preside.

Sheriff Ellington, of Johnson county was the first sheriff to make a complete settlement with the State Treasurer for 1896 taxes.

Aunt Winnie Finley, thought to be one hundred and ten or one hundred and fifteen years old, died at her home near Wilkesboro last week.

There is said to be a plan on foot to build a railroad from Winston to Monroe, the line to be an extension of the Norfolk and Western railroad.

There are now in the Insane asylum at Raleigh eight persons who are suffering from religious mania, developed by what are termed "sanctification" meetings.

Chas. M. Bonham, a truck farmer living four miles from Wilmington, disappeared from his home Friday, and his body was found in the river at Wilmington.

While hunting in Crab Orchard township Monday Mr. Lee Benton accidentally shot Mr. Sam Ford, wound ing him in the head and back, says the Charlotte News.

A stock company will establish a Republican daily paper in Raleigh early in January. C. M. Kenyon, late of the Hendersonville Times, will be editor and manager.

R. G. Hickerson, E. q., and James Poplin, of Ronda, are ahead on rabbit killing so far as heard from. One day last week they killed 44, and didn't half try, says the Wilkesboro Chronicle.

Mr. J. E. Holden, of Hickory, Mountain township, killed fifteen partridges at one shot, one day last week. They were huddled together in the snow when he shot, says the Chatham Record.

Salisbury will ask the legislature to allow the town the privilege of voting on the question of issuing one hundred thousand dollars in bonds to buy water works and put in an electric light plant.

So far as reported, Mr. G. W. Walker, of Little River township, is the champion hog raiser this season. He killed a hog last week that weighed 455 pounds, says the Hillsboro Observer.

The Greensboro Record says, Edward Wray, who farms near the Battle Ground, drops in with a gourd that is a gourd. While it is not large its handle measures forty-eight inches in length.

A Hickory man who rode his bicycle on the sidewalk after five o'clock p. m., in violation of the town ordinances, was fined five dollars in the mayor's court and took an appeal to the Superior court.

On account of sickness Dr. York was unable to attend the meeting of the electors at Raleigh last week. He is getting himself and "Genril Jackson" in shape for the meeting in January, says the Wilkesboro Chronicle.

The prisoners in our county jail were greatly alarmed a few nights ago, because the jail chimney caught on fire. They called lustily for help, and in a short time the danger was over, says the Chatham Record.

The barn of Mr. Thomas Simpson, of Union county, was burned with its contents by a supposed incendiary fire a few nights ago. The building contained a large quantity of corn and fodder and some farming implements.

Mr. N. M. Adkins, of Derita, killed two hogs yesterday, twelve months old, one weighing 346 and the other 310 pounds. One of his tenants, Louis Parks, killed a hog twelve months old that weighed 352 pounds. Another tenant, Simon Alexander, killed one of the same age that weighed 286 pounds, says the Charlotte News.

The death of Mr. Levi Worley occurred suddenly at his home in Fork township Wednesday night, of heart failure, aged 83 years. He leaves a wife and two young children to mourn his demise, says the Goldsboro Headlight.

W. H. Ramseur, of Charlotte, has received the plans for a \$10,000 special exhibition car to be a traveling exhibition of all the State's products. It is to be called North Carolina on Wheels. It will travel the Northern and Western States.

Some of the roofs of the business houses of the city have succumbed to the heavy weight of the snow and much inconvenience has been experienced by the occupants, who are only too glad that the "beautiful" did not linger with us long, says the Goldsboro Headlight.

The Wadesboro Messenger says Miss Dolly Newton, of Lilesville township, Anson county, was walking with a can of concentrated lye in her hand when she stumbled and fell and the can burst, a part of its contents flying in her eyes and ears. It is feared that she will lose both her sight and hearing.

While J. V. Rivenbark, keeper of Pender county jail, was attending church with his family Sunday evening some one broke into the jail, took the keys from the jailor's bedroom and turned out two prisoners, leaving the jail empty. The intruders stole the jailor's provisions and tore up everything.

The Salisbury Watchman says Saturday a week ago an unknown woman, accompanied by a two year old child, went to the house of James Yost, in Rowan, and asked the way to Salisbury. She left the child with Mrs. Yost, saying she would get some one to take her to town and would return again in the evening. She left and has not been seen since.

Statesville Landmark: Good fortune, as well as evil fortune, sometimes comes in battalions. Mr. J. P. Young has found this to be so. At the election on November 3rd, he was elected county clerk on the Democratic ticket. This week there were added to his family at one and the same time two nine-pound boys. The wave of prosperity seems to have found Mr. Young.

Mr. L. Banks Holt and Capt. E. S. Parker, attorney, spent last week in Kentucky looking after a suit Mr. Holt has brought against Jas. F. Scott. About \$20,000 is involved. Mr. Scott, up to about a year ago, was in the stock business with Mr. Holt, and the latter is trying to obtain what is due him on settlement at the dissolution of the partnership, says the Graham Gleaner.

The Winston Sentinel says Mr. Ransom Sink, of South Fork township, is wearing a pair of pants which he bought at Wapakoneta, Ohio, in the fall of 1884. They were made by a tailor and cost \$11. The first button broke off last night. Mr. Sink has a vest which he bought at the same time. Like the pants, there is not a hole in it and it looks like it might last several years yet.

## CHECK CAME FROM HEAVEN.

Destitute Preacher Accounts for Another Man's Money—Prayed for Funds and Got 'em

The trial of Rev. George W. White on the charge of appropriating a letter which did not belong to him and which contained the sum of \$100 was taken up in the United States Court yesterday and had not been completed when court adjourned for the day. The case is based on the fact that in January last White called for and received a registered letter at Gold Hill postoffice which was addressed to George White, and that knowing it did not belong to him he appropriated the contents. In an affidavit which forms a part of the records in the case White says that at that time he had a wife and several children to support, that his salary for a year had not been over \$425 and that at that time he was destitute and without any means whatever, and had scarcely enough food to keep them alive. He says that both he and his wife had a strong and abiding faith in the efficacy of prayer and on account of his destitute circumstances he had been praying for relief for some time and confidently expected that his prayer would be answered. He says that as soon as he had received the money from the letter and went home he showed it to his wife and that they at once said to one another that they believed that the money had come in answer to the prayers.

The State attorneys say this would be all right were it not for the fact that the envelope which contained the money also contained a letter which showed conclusively that the money was not for the Rev. White, but for another of the same name. White at the time denied that there was a letter in the envelope, but afterwards admitted it to Inspector Waters and offered to return the money as soon as he was able to do it.—Denver News.

## GOV. RUSSELL ON THE 99 YEAR LEASE.

Some Facts and Figures That Are Hot and Interesting—In His Opinion the State is Getting But \$12,000 a Year on a Three Million Dollar Investment

Governor-elect Russell was interviewed by the Wilmington Messenger last week on some important questions. His opinions are here presented:

They say you changed your ground on the silver question after the St. Louis Convention?

"I do not claim absolute consistency on that. However, I said time and time again in the campaign that I did not agree with the St. Louis declaration in favor of the gold standard."

Will you give your views with regard to the lease of the North Carolina Railroad and the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad?

"Yes, I have opinions as to both, but they are not the result of close examination and mature thought. If any body can convince me that they are erroneous I will change or modify or confess error. The State owns three millions out of four millions of the capital stock of the North Carolina Railroad. Unlike most railroads there is no mortgage or incumbrance on it. To raise this three millions which the State paid for this stock, it issued its own 6 per cent bonds and pledged the stock as collateral to secure the bondholders. There are now outstanding of these bonds about twenty eight hundred thousand dollars. In 1872 this railroad company leased itself to the Richmond and Danville (now the Southern) Railroad Company for a rental of 6 per cent on the four millions of stock. By this the State got 6 per cent on its three millions and the private stockholders 6 per cent on their one million. So that for twenty years the State has been receiving \$180,000 a year for its stock and paying out \$168,000 a year to the bondholders, leaving say \$12,000 a year, out of which, I presume, there have been some expenses paid by the State; so that substantially the State has been collecting this rental with one hand and instantly paying it out with the other, leaving little or nothing for its treasury. This North Carolina railroad is, or ought to be, one of the best railroad properties in America. The lease expires shortly after the year 1900. The Southern Railroad Company has its main stem in Virginia on our north, and thousands of miles of railroad to the south of us. This concern is capitalized for an enormous amount of money and hundreds of millions of its securities are held by millionaires in New York and London. When these millionaires reorganized the Richmond and Danville and converted it into the "Southern" they knew that their lease on the North Carolina Railroad was about to expire and they took their chances of buying it, or obtaining a new lease, or of making them selves independent by paralleling it from Greensboro to Charlotte. They have not paralleled it and, if our legislature is equal to its duties, they will not be allowed to do it. Soon after the adjournment of the last fusion legislature, these railroad kings obtained from the present Democratic Governor a renewal of this lease for ninety nine years, agreeing to pay some inconsiderable amount in addition to that which they had been paying. If I had been Governor, I would have said to these princes of plutocracy a few plain and simple words. Now, gentlemen, you own the Southern Railroad Company. You have got uncounted millions in it, behind it. The North Carolina Railroad is indispensable to you. You cannot live without it unless you parallel it. North Carolina is the owner of three fourths of this property. In this case, it so happens that the owner is a sovereign power to protect and enhance the value of its property which belongs to its people. You shall not parallel it. If you try I will have a legislature here in this capitol which will stop your operations before you ever lay a rail. The State does not want to operate this railroad. We do not want it in politics. We need money for the schools and to lower our taxes. We are willing to sell three fourths of it to you. But you have got to pay for it. You own this great chain extending from the waters of the gulf to the Potomac and the Chesapeake—all of it except one link in the middle. That link is ours. It is the golden link. Without it the rest of your chain is nothing but iron and some of it old iron at that. Your crowd is full of gold. This is one time when the people have got a piece of gold. You need it. You have got to have it. You cannot live without it. You can buy it at our price. If you do not buy it, we will break your chain and then you can sell your part of it for old iron. Now take your choice. Buy or "bust." Here are the terms. You retire the State's obligations on its bonds to the amount of \$2,800,000 and give us about two and a half millions in cash and our three fourths of this property is yours. As to the other one-fourth (which largely

belongs to rich people, many or most of whom are non-residents) it is none of my business. When you get three fourths you get control of this railroad. The "highly respectful" and "highly toned" methods of corporate management which prevail in what you are so fond of calling the "business world," will authorize you to wreck this minority stock. You can swear that you will not do it until your faces are as red as an anarchist's banner; but in all this land there is not one man of sense who will believe you. We know that when you get three-fourths of this property you will have, for all practical purposes, four-fourths of it. You are really buying from us not three fourths, but all of it. You will so manage the road as to pay no dividends to the private stockholders. You will run down their stock on the market; and ultimately you will buy them out at nominal prices. That is the "gentle" thing. By these and similar methods you and your predecessors have acquired wealth to an extent that should be beyond the dreams of avarice. Up to this time jurists and statesmen have invented no way to prevent such iniquities. It is not my business, as the chief servant of the people of this State, to so manage their property as to enhance the value of the property of private individuals. I have nothing to do with the minority stock. Its owners are entitled to the same equal protection of the law upon this as upon any other of their property; their cattle or lands or factories—no more. If they happen to be the owners of a species of property which is liable to be eaten up by the cannibals of Wall and Lombard streets, it is no concern of ours save in so much as they may be entitled to receive from us that sympathy which ought to be common to men.

"Instead of saying this to the owners of the Southern railway system, our Democratic Governor gave away this splendid property to these multi-millionaires on substantially their own terms and, if the lease is sustained by the courts, threw away the chance to turn millions of dollars into our treasury. And he stands for the crowd who for twenty-five years have practiced biennial hysterics over the mismanagement of their opponents."

"But has not the North Carolina railroad been already leased to the Southern, and is that not an end of the whole thing?"

"It is not ended. The Populist party, in their State Convention, denounced the lease and demanded that the legislature should investigate it and take steps to cancel it. The Farmers' Alliance have made the same declaration. Unless I can see that I am wrong in my views of this transaction, I shall advise the legislature to adopt measures looking to the cancellation of this lease and for the restoration of this property to the people. If the courts shall hold that the Southern Railroad Company has acquired a vested right then their lease must stand. Vested legal rights must be protected even though they be, in good morals and in justice, vested wrongs. This principle is essential to the existence of civilized society."

"As to the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, the attempt of the present Democratic administration to lease it to a Wayne county corporation will, I presume, be abandoned, if it be true that responsible parties are now offering a better price. As I understand it, the Goldsboro syndicate are saying that if their lease is consummated the stock will be worth \$40 a share on the market. If this is so, or if they believe it be so, let them offer \$35 in purchase of the stock which belongs to the State and to the counties. It seems to me that the State would be glad to sell its stock for about \$400,000, provided the stock held by the counties is taken at the same price. This would take the railroad out of politics and the politicians who for twenty years have enjoyed it in politics would be happy beyond the dreams of poets."

"Of course I know that this talk will shock some goody goody folks who think that a 'Governor' ought not to descend close enough to the earth for plain speech. But you see I am only a plain citizen now. Hereafter I may call up some of the 'truly good,' the 'Roni' as Cicero when he was playing politics on their side delighted to call them, in order to take lessons from them in dignity and snobbery."

"I want you to add that I do not mean to impute any corrupt motive to Governor Carr in these transactions."

If our subscribers don't hurry up and pay their arrearsages and renew we will not have any Christmas at all this year.

## ROWAN COUNTY MEETING.

Rowan County Farmers' Alliance will meet with Hattershop Alliance on the 1st and 2nd of January, 1897. A full delegation is desired.

By order of the President.

M. L. RITCHIE, Sec'y.

## ALL ABOARD WERE LOST.

One Report Says 500 Persons Perished on the Salier—The Rajah Founders in the British Channel—Two Rescued and Seventeen Were Drowned—Other Disasters

BREMEN, Dec. 11.—The loss of life by the foundering of the North German Lloyd steamer Salier, which sank in the Coronas Corruvada shoals in the gale that swept the Atlantic coasts of Europe early this week, is now positively known to have been much greater than at first supposed. The steamer, in addition to her crew of seventy-eight men and officers, carried 214 steerage passengers.

Every soul on board went down and was lost with the ship, making a total of 292 persons that perished through the foundering of the old steamer. The steerage passengers included one German, 113 Russians, 35 Gallicians, and 65 Spaniards. Quite a number of women and children were among the number. All were bound for Argentina, where they intended to settle. The Salier carried no cabin passengers. Although there seems no hope of finding any of the passengers or crew alive, a steamer has been dispatched to the scene of the wreck from Corunna.

## POSSIBLY FIVE HUNDRED LOST.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—A dispatch from Corunna to the Cologne Gazette says that the number of persons lost by the foundering of the North German Lloyd steamer Salier may possibly be as high as five hundred. The Gazette's correspondent says that the ship had on board 210 passengers when she left Antwerp and embarked a great many more at the various Spanish ports she touched at. The character of the Salier's wreckage, which has already been washed ashore, indicates that the steamer quickly went to pieces. It is learned that the Salier was wrecked four miles north of Villagracia on the night of December 7th, the vessel being at the time less than three miles off shore.

## THE KILDONAN ABANDONED.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The British bark Kildonan, Captain Evans, from Greenock November 30th for Newport News, was abandoned in a sinking condition on December 6th in latitude 46 north, longitude 7 west. The crew have been arrived at Hull.

## LETTER FROM BRO. IVEY.

HILLSBORO, N. C., Dec. 9, 1896.

Dear Bro. Denmark:—As I returned from Raleigh yesterday, I took up a magazine that some one had left lying on my seat and noticed the following by Florence D. Snelling:

"We marvel that the silence can divide the living from the dead; yet more apart are they who all life long dwell side by side, but never meet by heart."

Taking from my pocket a newspaper I jotted the lines down on the margin. After returning the magazine to the owner, the paper was again in hand, this time to read, and it was THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER on which the jotting had been made.

The incident struck me with force. I had read your article in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, so full of hope, encouragement and brotherly zeal. My thoughts set to thinking. I am glad that you paid us the visit. I am glad that you are interested. I am glad that, in the future we are to work together, pulling in the same harness, not simply as a drudging team confined by the yoke "side by side," but as brethren, lovers of the same cause "heart by heart."

I appreciate your article more than anything that has been in the paper for many weeks. I am truly thankful that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, both editorially and through your masterful pen, is to take up the cause of our enterprises and send them ringing throughout the State. In my efforts for the past four months to keep the subject alive and to prevent interest from waning I have felt a dreadful loneliness without a PROGRESSIVE FARMER to bid a God speed. Rest assured that in return for this kindness, no one shall exceed me in ardor for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. And why should we not thus deport ourselves? Our aims are one. Our purposes one. We are bound by the same bond, have the same interests and are confronted by the same evils—we must live "heart by heart."

I want to say AMEN and AMEN to the spirit of your article and especially to this, "Let partisan politics rest for a while and attend to the Alliance." Indeed, truly, the American citizen, in this section of the country at least, must have an appetite, who is not already surfeited, with partisan politics. With the church in politics, and the Alliance in politics, the pulpit in politics and women in politics, it is time to let it alone "for awhile" and turn our attention to that which will bring immediate results.

Let me say again that I appreciate your article and trust you will follow it up with others of the same kind.

Fraternally,

T. IVEY, S. B. A.

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## "TIME TO ACT."

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer.

WAYNESVILLE, N. C., Dec. 10, '96.

I was rejoiced yesterday when I read your editorial under the above heading. It is timely and has the ring of the right metal. There is no time to lose. The People's party is rapidly disintegrating. It not only fails to win recruits, but is losing members, and more disintegration and strife have set in to finish up the work. Two years ago, when fusion was commenced in our State, I predicted these evils as the inevitable result, as the files of your paper will show.

The party must be completely re-organized or its doom is sealed. We must put men at the front who think of something else than self and self, and who will not dicker and trade in principles as a junk man does in junk skins. If we will throw such men overboard our party will arise Phoenix like from the ashes purified as if by fire, and sure to command the confidence and respect of all fair-minded men. Our numbers at the outset will be reduced, but we will be in a stronger position than ever.

We have a golden opportunity. The Democratic party has lost its best and last chance through the greed and folly of its leaders. It can never lead the reform forces to victory. Thousands of its best members now realize this.

There are thousands of dissatisfied Republicans—good and true men who were not willing to take part in a movement led by the Democratic party—who will come to us if we will quit drifting about from pillar to post, get into the middle of the road and stay there. Their numbers will rapidly increase with the inevitable failure of the incoming administration to bring prosperity to our country.

Let re-organization begin at once, first in the counties, then in the districts and finally in the State.

"There is tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at its flood, leads on to fortune."

Speak out, brother Populists who are in the "middle of the road," or who are ready and anxious to get back there. Let's go to work. Don't wait for others, but begin at once. "Providence helps those who help themselves."

Geo. E. Boggs.

## THE OLD GUARD.

Subscriptions, Renewals and Kind Words Extracted from Letters.

—Thomas L. Day, Watauga county, renews and writes that times are not yet hard enough to make him do without THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

—H. C. Williams, Johnson county, renews and writes: "I don't know how I could do without THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Best wishes to you and your paper."

—J. E. Henry, Rutherford county, renews and says he is still in the fight for free coinage and other good measures. He is well pleased with THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

—A. L. Harrison, Watauga county, sends renewal and writes that he has been taking THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER about five years and likes it better than any paper he can get.

—S. H. Bright, Clerk Superior Court, Lenoir county, sends renewal for Josiah H. Sugg, who says he has taken THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER several years and likes it better than any paper in the State.

—The following have renewed or subscribed during the week: A. M. Brown, Randolph county; A. W. Bevel, Forsyth; W. P. Edwards, Gaston; A. K. McKeithan, Brunswick; Larkin, Lemons, Rockingham; A. D. Brawley, Iredell; J. S. Debrule, Halifax; W. B. Currie, Cumberland; John T. Dally, Lenoir, and others.

Subscribers will confer a favor by writing their county on letters after giving their postoffice, as it is quite a job to hunt through more than two thousand postoffices when in doubt about the county.—[EDITOR]